

THE ORANGEBURG TIMES

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LARGEST CIRCULATION IN THE COUNTY.

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Organization

"They tell us that we are weak, but when shall we be stronger?" Most foreboding are these, the words of an appeal the most eloquent ever made to her children in behalf of America's liberty, and we offer them for your consideration as children of South Carolina. It is true that they were pronounc'd before a successful effort; and we are but the survivors of an unsuccessful one. But if we are weak does someone make us any stronger? Do the enemies of the State (her present rulers) feel any greater respect for us in our inactivity? We think not. Then is not why you rise in this withdrawal from all political exertion? Is it because as a party we cannot have our slaves back and our representative men in power? No. Is it because even if organized, we cannot as a party subvert the present dynasty? If so, rest assured that organization does not afford any more sure road to success, while organization has this advantage. It is strength.

Organization in the first place enables us to feel an individual assurance of the purpose of the party, and to uphold one another in a systematic opposition to robbery. It renders us more immediately available to ourselves or any branch of disaffected Republicans. If the split ever does come as it seems to be possible, the party who will use us as a means to defeat their former companions, will probably not split until the last moment, when they will want an organization to act with, and possibly, man from our ranks, not wholly disaffected to themselves. We disagree with those who think that a show of organization of Democrats will make the Republicans abandon all idea of a split; because they have been uniformly under the crack of party whip and no outside pressure can increase this devotion. If that party does break, it must be upon some question more vital than mere political interest, and our organization will give its command. If we desire a break and it is at all imminent, we can effect it by assuring to one side or the other victory. To do this we must know our strength, and this necessitates organization.

The probability is that in case of a Republican break, we might be masters of the situation. But in order to make use of it we must prepare for the crisis. Start in time. Start now. Start here—in the country—in the town! Get the first minds in each community to organize you, and have your central committee here in town. Work slowly, worksurely, work completely. Let your God come first, then your profession and your children, and next your polities or individual devotion to the welfare of your neighbors, the community, the State. Prepare for the crisis and take it; and while awaiting the opportunity of success, accustom ourselves to defeat, in battling against dishonesty. In this behalf we will enlist the support of many Republicans.

But first of all throw aside uncertainty and dead issues. Recognize facts: that colored people are free and have the right to vote, that their votes are enlisted in support of dishonesty. Be ready to vote with them where they vote in support of honesty. Lend them your aid on all such occasions. Organize on this basis and make them feel your efficiency by your organized assistance. They and all others will learn to respect you from your record of deeds accomplished. Away from the polls they will look you more respectfully, more confidently in the eye, and work for you more cheerfully. Their conversion to a faith in you may be slow, possibly one at a time; but work

slowly, perseveringly, and their conversion in the end will be complete. And with their conversion we have a resident friend, an efficient ally, and a happy husbandman, experienced and acclimated better than all immigration.

Organize and the inapplicability of our quotation will disappear.

Incumbent Ignorance.

We publish for the benefit of the public, the following sample of a "trial justice." It was handed us by a com-patriot and fellow-laborer in a legal way. The three bonds referred to were sent down to obtain the required justification, and were returned as is below set forth:

"We have three bonds, the sureties to

which are required to justify each justi-

fication is according to this verbatim el-

literation: "Specimen of a justification of sureties to

a guardian's bond, as taken under the act

by the 1st of Scott's acts. The words italicized are printed.

THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA,

of Orange County, et al.

Personally appeared before me, G. Culver,

Then Justice of Orange County, et al. to witness,

George Bond, who makes with that bond, etc.

possession of, interested in, or entitled to, etc.

Real or Personal, or both, and the amount of his

bonds in, etc. and the date of his debt, etc.

and the name of his creditor, etc.

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